



Air Traffic By The Numbers

Every day, the FAA's Air Traffic Organization (ATO) provides service to more than 42,000 flights and 2.5 million airline passengers across more than 29 million square miles of airspace. With an airspace system as vast and complex as ours, it is helpful to have an easy-to-reference source for relevant facts and information. View the infographic below for a glimpse into ATO, or for more information, see [Air Traffic by the Numbers \(media/Air_Traffic_by_the_Numbers_2017_Final.pdf\)](#) (PDF).

AIR TRAFFIC BY THE NUMBERS

5,000
AIRCRAFT
IN THE SKY AT
ANY GIVEN TIME

42,700
AVERAGE DAILY
FLIGHTS HANDLED
BY THE FAA IN
2016

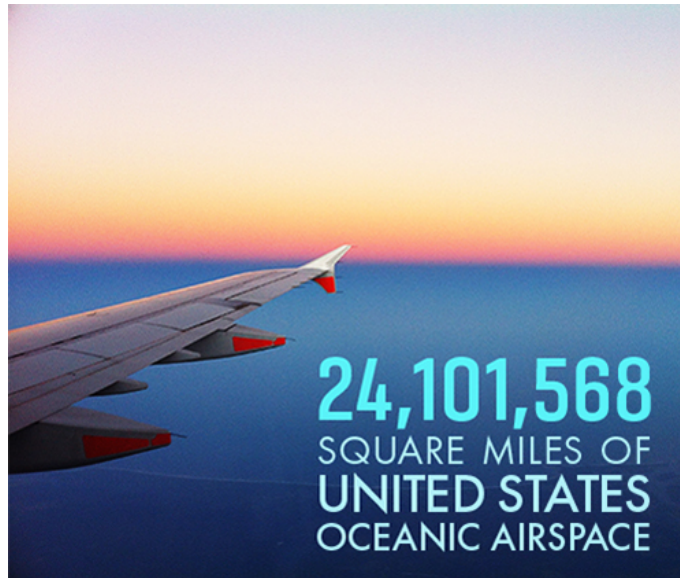
EVERY MINUTE, EVERY HOUR,
EVERY DAY, THERE ARE MEN
AND WOMEN AT WORK TO ENSURE
THE SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY OF OUR
NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM. THE NUMBERS
ON THIS PAGE REPRESENT THEIR DEDICATION
TO THE CRITICAL PUBLIC SERVICE THEY PROVIDE.



15,631,000
FLIGHTS HANDLED
BY THE **FAA** IN
2016



24,101,568
SQUARE MILES OF
UNITED STATES
OCEANIC AIRSPACE



521

AIRPORT TRAFFIC
CONTROL TOWERS



65,000
PIECES OF EQUIPMENT
AND SYSTEMS OPERATE
365/24/7

25

AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC
CONTROL CENTERS





160 **TERMINAL**
RADAR APPROACH
CONTROL FACILITIES



5,282,000 **SQUARE MILES**
OF UNITED STATES DOMESTIC AIRSPACE



6,000
AIRWAY TRANSPORTATION
SYSTEMS SPECIALISTS



14,050
AIR TRAFFIC
CONTROLLERS

164,200



**FIXED WING GENERAL
AVIATION AIRCRAFT**



10,500 ROTORCRAFT



24,142,000

GENERAL AVIATION FLIGHT HOURS IN 2015



6,871

**COMMERCIAL
AIRCRAFT FLEET**









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